

'Key to the Water Birds of Florida' is that "it occasionally wanders to our shores." In Bulletin No. 26 of the Biological Survey, Wells W. Cooke in his article 'Distribution and Migration of North American Ducks, Geese and Swans' says, in respect to the European Widgeon, that "on the Atlantic coast the dates are almost entirely in the fall and winter. . . . there are only three records after February 5." If this is the case, and I find no evidence to the contrary, this is the fourth record only after the date he mentions, for the Atlantic coast.—S. PRESCOTT FAY, *Boston, Mass.*

Two Records of the Golden-eye at De Funiak Springs, Florida.— On December 5, 1907, an adult female Golden-eye Duck (*Clangula clangula americana*) was taken on a small fresh-water lake near De Funiak Springs, Florida. The specimen was taken by M. Harry Moore, and mounted by him. It was sent to the American Museum of Natural History, and identified by W. De W. Miller from an examination of the specimen.

On November 20, 1909, an adult female of the same species was seen on the same lake. It was observed under such favorable conditions that there was no doubt in my mind as to the identification.

Prof. Wells W. Cooke says that this is "almost the extreme limit of its southern range, as it has been noted only a few times in Florida."—G. CLYDE FISHER, *De Funiak Springs, Florida.*

Nesting of the Black Duck in Yates County, N. Y.— May 26, 1907, I found a nest of the Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*) in Potter Swamp. The locality was a young second growth of maple, beech and ash of four to eight inches in diameter. The ground was nearly dry and covered with a rank growth of ferns and skunk cabbage. The female was flushed from a bunch of six small maples growing from a mound about three feet above the surrounding ground and there in the center of the bunch of trees were six eggs layed on a few broken fern stems and dead leaves.

On my next visit (June 2) there were nine eggs and a nice lot of down had been placed around and among the eggs. A farmer told Mr. C. F. Stone of finding a nest of this duck in Potter Swamp in 1892 or 1893, but this is the first authentic record to my knowledge.—VERDI BURTCH, *Branchport, N. Y.*

A Bittern taken in West Florida.— On November 17, 1909, an adult male Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*) was taken near De Funiak Springs, Florida. This is the first individual of this species that I have seen in this vicinity in the two and one-half years that I have been here, so I conclude that it is probably somewhat rare. This specimen, which was in excellent condition, was taken in a dry 'broom-sedge' field,— a rather unusual place, it seemed to me. Its stomach contained two grasshoppers which it had probably captured in this field. The bird was killed by Wm. F. Jones while out quail hunting.